

THE REHEARSAL.

1. Our *Laws* and *Parliaments* struck at through the sides of the *Clergy*.
2. *Acts* of *Parliament* for *Passive Obedience* and *Jure Divino*.
3. Of the *Short Declaration* being taken away since the *Revolution*.
4. Of the *Homilies* Enjoyn'd by *Act* of *Parliament*.
5. It had been Better for *England*, if they had always Adher'd to *Passive Obedience*.
6. The *Clergy* must be Acquitted, or our *Parliaments* Condemn'd.
7. Our *Parliaments* follow the *Scriptures* in *Passive Obedience*.
8. No *Parliament* ever Enacted the *Principle* of *Resistance*. All sorts, *Whiggs* and *Heathens*, own *Jure Divino*.
9. Except the *Rights*, which makes *God* to be *Jure Humano*.

WEDNESDAY, March 10. 1707.

(1.) *Country-man*. YOUR last, *Master*, has shew'd that all the *Odium* laid upon the *Clergy*, by *Mr. Review* and others, for *Preaching* up *Jure Divino* and *Passive Obedience*, lies not wholly at their Door, but that our *Parliaments* are also involv'd in the same, And that they are indeed struck at, and all our *Laws*, through the sides of the *Clergy*.

(2.) *Rehearsal*. I gave no *Proofs* then, but now I will, lest they shou'd Deny it, and to Justify what I have said, and that you may have an Answer ready, if they shou'd Question the Truth of it. Let them then Look into the *Statute* 16. *Rich.* 2. c. 5. And there they will find it Asserted, that the Power of the *Crown* is Deriv'd from *God* alone, and Immediately Subject to none but *God*. And is in no *Earthly* Subjection.

Let them see 24. *Hen.* viii. c. 12. Where the *Parliament* acknowledges his Majesty to be their One Supreme Head and King. And that to him as such belongs, The Final Determination, to all Manner of Folk, *Resiants* or *Subjects* within this his *Realm*, in all Causes, Matters, Debates and Contentions.

Then let them look into 1 *Eliz.* c. 3. and 1. *Jac.* c. 1. Where the Right of the Succession of the *Crown* by Proximity of Blood is call'd the Law of *God* as well as of *Man*.

Let them then Consider 12 *Car.* 2. c. 30. Where it is Declar'd, That by the undoubted Fundamental *Laws* of this Kingdom, neither the *Peers* of the *Realm*, nor the *Commons*, nor both together in *Parliament*, nor the *People*, either Collectively or Representatively, nor any other

Persons whatsoever, ever had, hath, or ought to have, any Coercive power over the Persons of the Kings of this *Realm*.

And 13 *Car.* 2. c. 1. It is Declar'd, that ther is no Legislative Authority in the *Parliament* without the King.

And 13 *Car.* 2. c. 6. The Power of the Sword is Declar'd to be wholly and solely in the King, and that the *Parliament* cannot Raise any War, either Offensive or Defensive, against his Majesty, his Heirs or Lawful Successors.

And 14 *Car.* 2. in the *Act* for Uniformity (which is particularly Excepted not to be Repealable by the *Regency*) all the *Clergy* of *England*, as well as *Masters*, or *Heads* of *Houses*, *Fellows*, and *Tutors* in *Colleges*, and even *School-Masters*, &c. are oblig'd to Subscribe, That it is not Lawful upon any Pretence whatsoever to take Arms against the King, and that they do Abhor that Traiterous Position of taking Arms by his Authority against his Person, or against those that are Commissionated by him.

Country-m. But this last is taken away by an *Act* since the *Revolution*.

(3.) *Rehears.* The Obligation of Subscribing it, and the Penalty for not doing it is Superfeded by that *Act*. But ther is nothing said against the Truth of the *Doctrin* therein Contain'd. As the Obligation for Renouncing the *Covenant* in the same *Act* of Uniformity was Enjoyn'd but for a Time, which do's not Imply that men might own the *Covenant* afterwards.

But all the former *Acts* of *Parliament* I have Nam'd (and ther are many more) stand yet Un-Repeal'd, and are the Law of the Land to us at this Day.

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But yet again, was it any Crime in the Clergy to Subscribe the said Declaration of its not being Lawful, &c. while it was Enjoin'd by Parliament, and under the Penalty of an *Ipso Facto* Deprivation? And if they might Subscribe it, why might they not Preach it? Was it They who Betray'd the King by Preaching it, and was the Parliament perfectly Innocent which Enjoin'd it? Had not the King as much Reason to Trust to an Act of Parliament for Passive Obedience, as to a Sermon, or Even to the Book of Canons?

(4.) Did ever any Clergy-Man in the Church of England Preach up *Jure Divino* and Passive Obedience more than our Book of Homilies? And are not all our Clergy to this Day Oblig'd by Act of Parliament to subscribe the said Book? And are not the most Passive Obedience-Homilies in the whole Book those against Rebellion, particularly Order'd to be Read on the 30th of January, and the 5th of November, even as the Offices for these Days are Regulated since the Revolution? And the Preachers are Order'd to Compose their Sermons on these Days, pursuant to these Homilies. And have they not done so in many very Good Sermons, we have Printed, which were Preach'd before the the Queen, and before both Houses of Parliament on these Days, particularly on the 30th January? And have they been Reprov'd, nay have they not Receiv'd Thanks for so doing, and their Sermons Order'd to be Printed, for the Instruction of the People in these Doctrines?

(5.) Yet Mr. De Foe and other their Enemies make Bold to lay all the Miseries of the Nation, as well what they have Suffer'd, as what is present, and what they have in Prospect to Suffer yet more, all is laid upon the Clergy, and their Preaching this Doctrine. To which if the People of England had Constantly Adher'd, we may Reasonably say, many Evils had been Prevented, which have Cost England much Blood and Treasure.

(6.) Country-m. Be that as it will, yet it is Plain that all the Terrible Charges laid upon the Clergy for this, their being made Scarlet Traitors, as Black as Hell, and other Moderate Epithets bestow'd on them by the Review, do all Rebound directly upon our Laws and Parliaments, which have Enacted these Doctrines, and Requird the Clergy both to Subscribe and Preach them, Under Severe Penalties. And by their making it Deprivation, it is Plain they Meant to have No other Clergy but who shou'd Preach up these Doctrines of Passive Obedience and *Jure Divino*.

So that either the Clergy must be Acquitted of this Charge, or else all our Laws and Parliaments must to Tophet with them according to Mr. Review! To whom I

would Offer my Advice, if he would not take it amiss: That hereafter before he Throws a Stone, he shou'd Consider where it may Light. For I Suppose he did not Intend to Cut down all our Laws and Constitution, and the Authority of Parliaments at a Blow, when he gave himself Liberty to make this Invektive against the Clergy who are his Aversion.

(7.) Rehears. The same Doctrines of *Jure Divino* and Passive Obedience are Taught in the Holy Scriptures as Expressly as in our Laws. Which I have shew'd Abundantly in the first Volume. Our Laws learn'd them from the Scriptures, and Vouch'd them as such to be according to the Law of God, as well as of Man.

(8.) And no English Parliament, no not any so Call'd in the Times of Rebellion and Usurpation, ever yet Decreed the Doctrine of Resistance, or Offer'd to Repeal those Laws I have Cited, but kept the Subjects Strictly under Passive Obedience; and the Greatest Usurpers pleaded *Jure Divino* too, and Apply'd it to themselves some How or Other! They plac'd it in the Voice of the People, that is, of those of their own Side! The very Heathens had Recourse to it, and Deify'd their Kings, or Fancy'd them Begot by some God or other, as I have shew'd before. So that what All agree in must be True. So Necessary is this Doctrine, that no Government of what sort soever can stand without it. They either Have it, or must Pretend to it.

(9.) Country-m. I hope you will except the Book of the Rights. This has Avoided all these Difficulties, and made the Authority of God Himself Dependiant upon the People! And instead of their Pleading *Jure Divino*, has made Him plead *Jure Humano*!

Rehears. This is a New Discovery! It is a Finest that exceeds all Heathen Wit, as far as our Whiggs Exceed the Heathen! And the Indictment against our Clergy is, That they are so Dull they cannot Come up to it! They make Kings the Anointed of God, but they understand not how God is the Anointed of the People! And Priests of all Religions are the Same in this, they are All for the Authority of God, they All pretend to be Priests of God. But we have a Set coming up will be the Priests of the People! And of God under Them.

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